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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed on November 22, 2010, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

Since petitioner has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the delay in timely paying the maintenance fee was unintentional, the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) is hereby **GRANTED**.

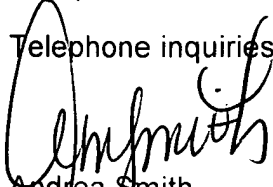
The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

It is noted that the patent number provided on the present petition is incorrect. However, since there are enough identifiers present on the petition, it has been properly matched with the above patent¹.

Additionally, the proper surcharge for payment after expiration is \$1,640. Since the maintenance fee was paid outside the six (6) months grace period, the \$65 surcharge submitted with the instant petition is unnecessary and petitioner may request a refund of this fee by writing to the following address: Mail Stop 16, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. A copy of this decision should accompany petitioner's request.

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